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Kristeen,

The Administrator has asked that all site work at SF mines be suspended until checks can be put into place. You should probably talk with your SF DD to get direction.

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Do you think we should be concerned or doing anything special if our Brownfield grantees are cleaning up mining sites? In Region 3, it's just abandoned coal mines, we don't have metal mines, but there is ongoing activity.

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## Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: ongoing field work at mines

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy today sent the below directive to Regional Administrators regarding ongoing field work at mines:

"While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions."

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